

UNAPPROVED
Candia's Virtual Selectmen's Public Session Minutes
March 10th, 2025, 6:30 pm

Note: Individual roll call has been taken after each motion.

6:30 pm Chair Brien Brock opened the Public Session Meeting followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Chair Brien Brock, Selectman Patrick Moran, Selectman Boyd Chivers, Selectman Russ Dann, Selectman Susan Young and Town Administrator Amy Spencer.

Approval of Minutes: Public session minutes of February 24th, 2025. None noted

Motion: Selectmen Dann made a motion to approve the February 24th, 2025, Public Session Minutes as presented. Selectman Moran seconded. Motion carried by a vote of (5-0-0).

Non-Public session minutes: On March 5th, 2025 @ 3:00pm, the Board resulted in having only 2 selectmen present, therefore a non-public meeting did not occur, and no meeting minutes were taken.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Highway: Road Agent Wuebbolt read the report and gave updates. Chair Brock told the Road Agent that his crew did a great job on patching Old Candia Road.

Police: Chief Shevlin read the report and gave updates. He informed the Board that his department is fully staffed now. Three of the non-certified Officers are enrolled in the 200th Police Academy. Their next step is to pass their PT Entry, and then they will be attending the 200th Police Academy.

Chief Shevlin said they made some legal updates for the department on March 3rd, 2025, when the prosecutor went over the new laws and other matters with the Officers. The Patrol Officers are now receiving Stop Stick Training online. He was able to get them on the PoliceOne platform which is online training for the Officers that he can assign to them. There is also the Cortico application that is online training for the Officers regarding their mental health by assisting them with their physical fitness, nutrition and everything regarding their wellbeing of what they do.

Chief Shevlin said Cruiser #2 has been given to the Fire Department. Global our vehicle servicing company has taken out all the equipment from it and will be installing it into their new 2025 Cruiser.

Selectman Young had a question about signing on with the FBI to help with the immigrants. Chief Shevlin said it is called ICE (Immigration and Custom Enforcement) at the Boston Field Office, and they have asked his Department to help them. ICE has asked Candia to assign two spots for our Officers, and that will open it up so that he can have access to ICE. If his department needs assistance and has to deal with something like this, his department can use them and our Officers will be trained to for it. He recently applied for it and has completed the necessary paperwork.

Selectman Moran asked the Chief if he would consider having a monthly profile on the Town Website about Candia's Police Officers, so that our Residents can get to know them. The Chief said it is a great idea and he will talk to the Officers to find out if they would be interested in doing this.

Fire Department: Selectman Chivers read the report.

Building Department: Building Inspector William Dinsmore read the report and gave updates. Chair Brock stated that if w. Dinsmore would like to take the Building Inspectors vehicle home on the nights there is a meeting, he is authorized to do so.

Solid Waste: Selectman Dann read the report. In being the Liaison for the Recycle Center he said Director Chuck Witcher runs a very good department and the Residents appreciate all the help they receive from his crew. He pointed out that members Al Couch and Clay Caddy of the Recycling & Energy Committee do a lot of volunteer work there also. He thanked them personally for all they have done as well as the workers at the Recycle Center. Selectman Young said Selectman Dann has been a very good liaison for this department and he has put in a lot of his own time there.

Budget Committee: Selectman Young said they might not be having a Budget Committee meeting in March, but they will be having one in April.

Planning Board: Chair Brock said two of the big cases that they were working on have been pushed out to a later date. The Planning Board has been starting to look at the Zoning Regulations to make recommendations and hopefully they will have several of them reviewed this year to make the appropriate changes and making them a little easier to work with.

NEW BUSINESS:

Agriculture Commission - Reappointments: Chair Brock read a letter from Chair Matt Cobb of the Agricultural Commission for reappointing full voting members Melissa Madden, Alexandra Campbell and Matt Cobb, and the Alternate members will be Rich Ascolillo and Patti Davis. See attached.

Motion: Selectmen Young made a motion to approve Chair Matt Cobb's recommendations for reappointing full voting members Melissa Madden, Alexandra Campbell, Matt Cobb, and Alternate members will be Rich Ascolillo and Patti Davis. Selectman Dann seconded. Motion carried by a vote of (5-0-0).

OTHER BUSINESS:

Employee of the Year: Chair Brock announced Employee of the Year to Chuck Witcher and awarded him with a plaque. The Board members thanked him for doing an awesome job at the Recycle Center. C. Witcher said he appreciates the recognition, however having a great group of employees is what helps. He also has a very good Board of Selectmen that supports him and he appreciates it.

Selectman - Thank you: Chair Brock revealed Selectman Dann has served for over 9 years as Selectman but he will not be running another term. The Board thanked Selectman Dann and presented him with a desk clock inscribed "Thank you for your years of service as Selectman".

The Board discussed the times they will be present for Town Voting on Tuesday, March 11th, 2025.

CALENDAR:

- Town Meeting / Election Day on Tuesday, March 11th, 2025 @ CYAA 6:00am-7:00pm
- The next Board of Selectmen's Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 24th, 2025.

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Selectman Young asked if they could change the time for Town Elections from 6:00am to 7:00am. Chair Brock said that is something they can discuss and change at a later date. He mentioned keeping the Federal Elections at 6:00am, as there are more people that go vote at that election.

Public Input: Chuck Whitcher said he appreciates his liaison Selectman Russ Dann and they had a great working relationship together and thanked him.

Member Al Couch of the Recycle & Energy Committee thanked Selectman Dann for all his efforts and the great job he did working with the Board and the Recycling & Energy Committee over the years. There was a conversation about being required to complete the State Report for the Annual Post-closure Report forms every year.

7:03 pm - Selectman Chivers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Selectman Dann. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of (5-0-0).

7:05 pm - Selectman Young made a motion to open the Public Session Meeting. Seconded by Chair Brock. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of (5-0-0).

Chair Brock said in regards to the Veteran's Credit Refund for Walz - 84 North Street. The owner moved in March 2022 and with this move the Town did not apply the credit for both years 2022 and 2023. The owner is asking for a refund of \$500 for year 2022, year 2023 has already been refunded.

Selectman Young made a motion to approve Walz-84 North Street Veteran's Credit for year 2022 in the amount of \$500. Seconded by Chair Brock. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of (5-0-0).

7:06 pm - Selectman Young made a motion to adjourn the Public Session Meeting. Seconded by Selectman Dann. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of (5-0-0).

Linda Chandonnet
Recording Secretary